

Coburg Cemetery Draft master plan

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The Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (GMCT) is working on a master plan for Coburg Cemetery to improve facilities, address current needs and manage future development of the site.

Prior to development taking place, GMCT wishes to provide an update to the community, including the current stage of the project.

GMCT welcomes feedback from the community and interested parties on the draft master plan and any aspect of the proposed development.

Contact details are provided on the following page.

Current stage

The need for management of Coburg Cemetery has been identified as part of GMCT's master planning process and follows the recommendations of a draft Conservation Management Plan prepared for the site.

The key strategies proposed in the master plan include:

- Redevelopment of the existing sheds and public amenities to maximise available space and provide better facilities;
- Relocation of the pavilion near the site entry to improve visibility and encourage use;
- Implement a landscape strategy that involves regular maintenance of tree species and succession planting along boundaries and internal roads where possible. This includes the reinstatement of boundary trees along Bell Street with Buthan Cypress trees at wider spacing than previously;
- Improve drainage along roads and pathways, allowing for greater water permeability and filtration;
- Replacement and relocation of the niche walls to a more appropriate setting;
- Provide additional interment areas where possible.

A draft of the master plan was presented in late February to the Friends of Coburg Cemetery and members of the Coburg Historical Society.

Next steps

Timelines for the project are yet to be finalised. Further engagement will be undertaken with the community on key topics at future project stages, with the opportunity to provide feedback and input.

It is expected that tree planting along Bell Street would begin during the next financial year (FY17).



Artist's impression - View toward proposed niche walls and amenities building from the south west (Bell st).

Proposed works

The plan below shows the draft Coburg Cemetery master plan



If you would like to comment on the draft master plan or stay updated about the progress of this project, please contact :
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